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IN VIETNAM (3)
LET'S ESCAPE TONIGHT!
SINCE FEW GUARDS ARE AROUND, NOW'S OUR CHANCE!
NO PRO-BLEM
WHAT ABOUT OUR CHAINS?
I'M WITH YOU.
THEN IT'S SETTLED!
I CAN'T STAND BEING HERE FOR ANOTHER SECOND.

THIS IS GOING TOO SMOOTHLY.
I want soooo much miso and goma-ae when I get back to Japan!
JUST LIKE PHAN SAID, IT'S DESERTED RIGHT NOW.
WHAT'S WRONG, YOUNG DOC? LET'S GO!
SOME-THING'S NOT RIGHT.

ALL THE PRISONERS ESCAPED?
YES,
JUST AS YOU ORDERED.
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THE MOST TERRIFYING ASPECT OF THE VIET-NAMESE JUNGLES WASN'T JUST THE VIET CONG ATTACKS.
BESIDES MALARIA AND AMOE-BIASIS,
PREDATORS LIKE TIGERS AND REPTILES LIKE SNAKES LURKED WITHIN, READY TO ATTACK AT MOMENT'S NOTICE.

THE MOST TROU-BLE-SOME
WERE THE LEECHES.
BUT,
PHAN.
I'LL PICK THEM OFF, SO STRIP.
I HEARD SOME OF OUR RECON UNITS GOT THESE FUCKERS ENTERING THEIR BLADDERS THROUGH THE URETHRA.
THESE GUYS SUCK YOUR BLOOD DRY AS SOON AS THEY SEE AN OPENING.

IT'S NOTHING TO BE SHY ABOUT NOW. BESIDES, YOU HELPED ALL OF US ESCAPE.
YOU SAVED US.

BEING IMPRISONED ALREADY TOOK A TOLL ON US MENTALLY AND EMOTIONALLY.
FROM WALKING THROUGH THIS ENDLESS JUNGLE.
WE'RE COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED
THIS IS BAD!
WE'RE AT OUR LIMIT!
CAN'T GO ON ANYMORE.
WE...

ARE WOMEN PHYSIO-LOGICALLY BETTER AT STAYING ALIVE?
OR...
ONLY PHAN'S LEFT STAN-DING.
THEY SAY IN MOUNTAIN ACCIDENTS, WOMEN HAVE A HIGHER SURVIVAL RATE.

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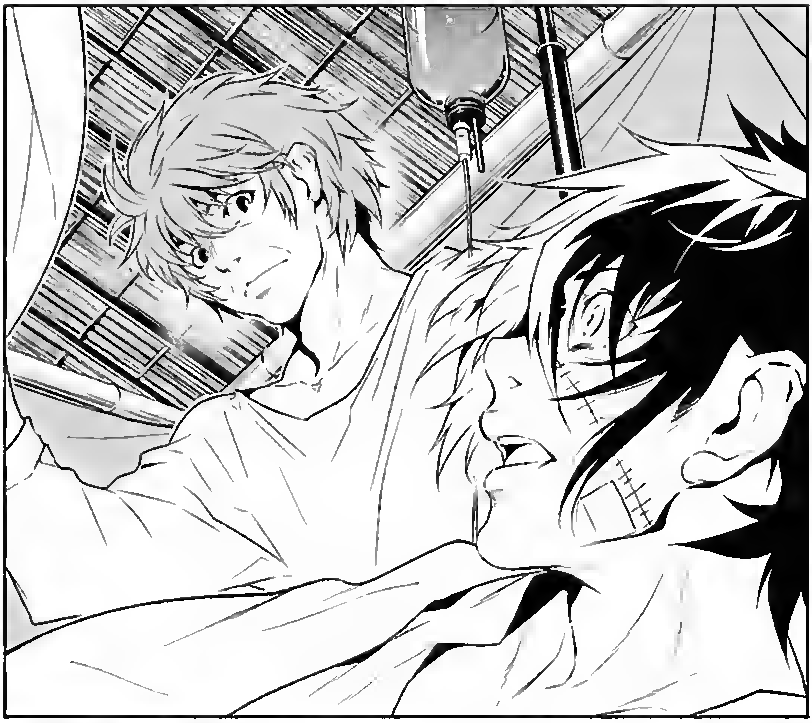

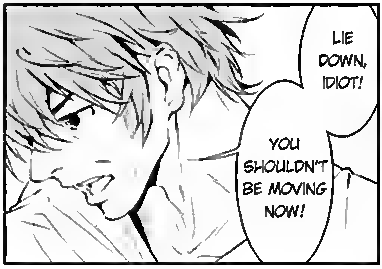
LIE DOWN, IDIOT!
YOU SHOULDN'T BE MOVING NOW!

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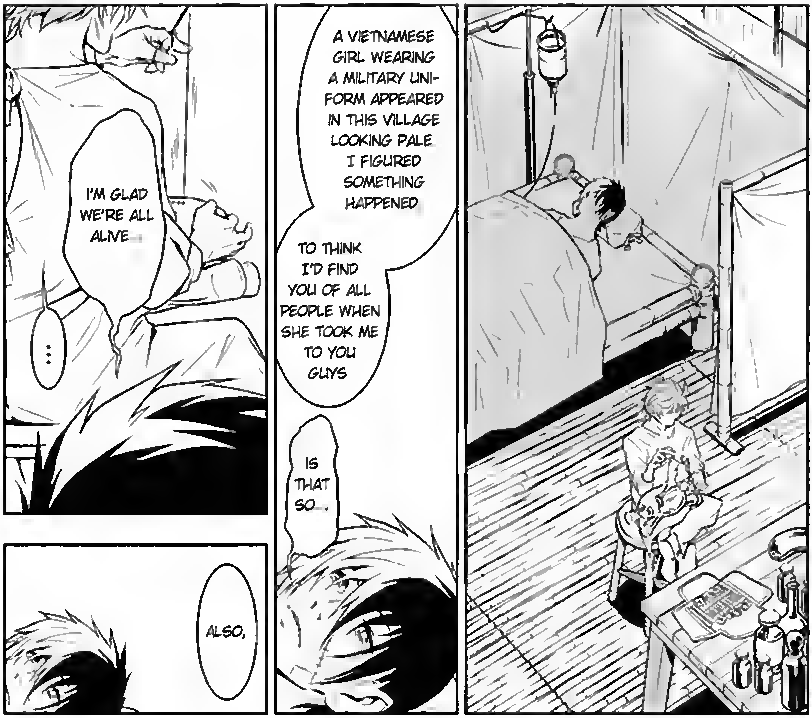
I'M GLAD WE'RE ALL ALIVE...
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A VIETNAMESE GIRL WEARING A MILITARY UNIFORM APPEARED IN THIS VILLAGE LOOKING PALE I FIGURED SOMETHING HAPPENED
TO THINK I'D FIND YOU OF ALL PEOPLE WHEN SHE TOOK ME TO YOU GUYS
IS THAT SO...
ALSO,

I WASN'T GOING BACK TO JAPAN UNTIL I WAS SURE YOU WERE SAFE
WASN'T THE HOSPITAL YOU WORKED IN BOMBED AS WELL?
WELL... I COULDN'T CONTACT YOU IN ANY WAY.
WHY ARE YOU HERE?

JUST FOR THAT?
FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME?
IT WASN'T FOR YOU.
I
JUST WANTED TO MAKE MYSELF CLEAR.
YABU.
YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE FOR THIS?

IDIOT!
IF YOU DIED, THEN ALL THAT EFFORT WOULD BE FOR NO-THING!
YOU... COULD'VE GOTTEN KILLED...

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ASIDE FROM WEAKNESS, THE PEOPLE YOU WERE WITH ARE DOING FINE.
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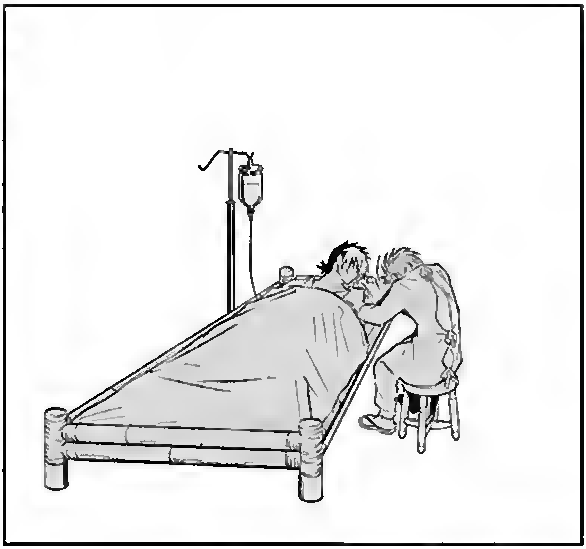
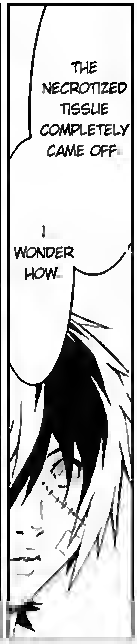
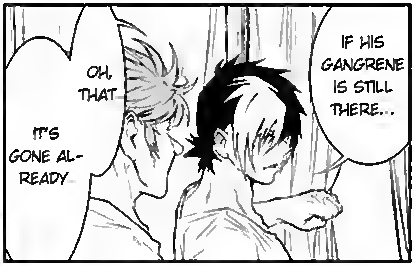
THOUGH,



OH!
MAGGOT THERAPY!


THE NECROTIZED TISSUE COMPLETELY CAME OFF.
I WONDER HOW.

IT'S HARD TO SAY HOW THE SOLDIER WHO GOT HIS NECK TREATED IS DOING.


IF HIS GANGRENE IS STILL THERE...
OH, THAT
IT'S GONE AL-
READY

USUALLY WHEN CELLS NECROTIZE, NECROSIS SPREADS TO OTHER CELLS BY WAY OF PUTREFYING BACTERIA, CAUSING THE TISSUE TO TURN BLACK.
BUT MAGGOT SALIVA HAS AN ANTI-MICROBIAL EFFECT, THUS SPEEDING UP WOUND HEALING.
IF THE BLOOD'S NOT FLOWING IN HIS BRAIN THEN HE MIGHT HAVE CEREBRAL INFARCTION
GET READY FOR SUR-GERY!
WAIT!
YOU'RE NOT FULLY RECOVERED YET!
OW
IF HE'S IN STABLE CONDITION, THEN I CAN RECONSTRUCT HIS CAROTID ARTERY.
IT'S ALREADY BEEN A WEEK SINCE I LIGATED STEVE'S LEFT CAROTID ARTERY TO TEMPORARILY STOP HIS BLEEDING.
OH, THAT'S WHY WHEN HE WOKE UP, HE HAD SLURRED SPEECH AND NUMBNESS ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HIS BODY.

YOU HAVE A RADIO HERE?
I'LL CALL THE MARINE CORPS MEDICAL TEAM.
WE'RE IN A SMALL MOUNTAIN VILLAGE WITH VERY FEW PEOPLE. THERE'S NO MEDICAL EQUIPMENT HERE WHATSOEVER.
FOR THIS SURGERY, WE'D NEED LARGE AMOUNTS OF BLOOD, ARTIFICIAL BLOOD VESSELS, AND SKIN GRAFTS. I;M SURE YOU OF ALL PEOPLE WOULD KNOW THAT!
SWEAT
BUT HOW?
AN HOUR?
HE'LL BE THERE IN ONE HOUR!
WAIT, HOLD ON! AN ARMY DOCTOR JUST VO-LUNTEERED TO GO
BUT OUR HELICOPTERS CAN'T LAND IN THAT KIND OF AREA!
WHAT ABOUT AIR ROUTES?
NO CAN DO! THREE DAYS IS TOO LATE!

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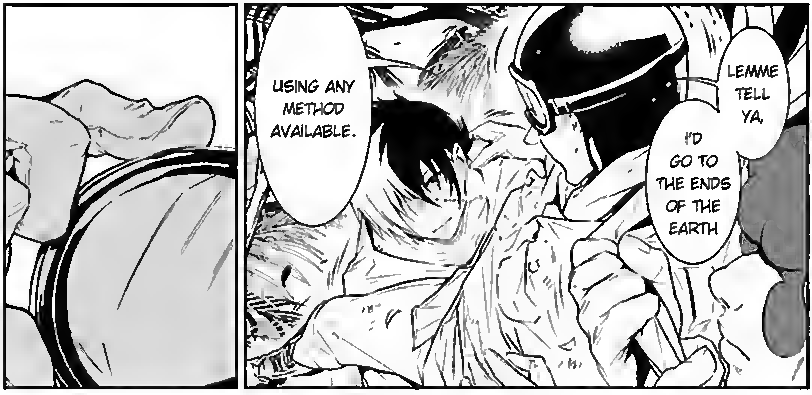
HUR-RY!
I WANT TO SEE YOU SOON!

I'M CO-MING FOR
MY PA-TIENT!
I WANT TO SEE YOU!
YOOO

HE DROPPED FROM THE SKY!
THIS GUY'S NUTS!
YET HE JUST PARACHUTED DOWN HERE BY HIMSELF! GIVE ME A BREAK!
THE VIET CONG COULD BE HIDING ANYWHERE,


USING ANY METHOD AVAILABLE.
LEMME TELL YA, I'D GO TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

BE-
CAUSE
I'D DO
ANY-
THING
AS LONG
AS THERE'S
A PATIENT
WAITING!